

WAR SITUATION.

The Boers' Position Has Been Greatly Strengthened of Late.

It is Entrenched by Modern Methods the Entire Length—They Are Well Supplied With Ammunition.

London, Dec. 19.—Gen. Buller met with a disastrous defeat at Chieveley camp Friday. In an attempt to cross the Tugela river he was surprised by the Boer forces, and in the battle that ensued Buller lost 11 big guns. The losses in Gen. Buller's brigade were heavy. The 14th and 66th field batteries also suffered severe loss. This last reverse to the British arms has caused gloom all over Great Britain.

London, Dec. 19.—As a result of the cabinet meeting the following important measures were decided upon: Field Marshal Lord Roberts, V. C., has been appointed commander-in-chief of South Africa. Lord Kitchener, of Khartoum, is to be chief of staff. The whole of the reserve, which is not as yet incorporated, will be called up. The 7th division, now mobilizing, will proceed at once to South Africa. Reinforcements of artillery, including three howitzer batteries, will be sent out. Buller has been authorized to raise local mounted corps in South Africa. A considerable mounted force from England will be sent out. Nine battalions of militia, in addition to three which have already volunteered, will be asked to volunteer for foreign service.

London, Dec. 19.—"Bobs," as Lord Roberts, of Kandahar is familiarly known, is a name to conjure with in Great Britain, and that Lord Roberts and Lord Kitchener are considered the right men to retrieve the disastrous condition in South Africa is amply evidenced by the more cheerful tone of all the war discussion Monday morning. In spite of the attempt of the authorities to gloss over the supersession of Gen. Buller, the fact remains that the new appointment can not be regarded otherwise than as a penalty for his failure. A semi-official communication says:

"The disposition to regard the change as a reflection on Gen. Buller is entirely erroneous. As the forces engaged in South Africa increase officers of higher rank are naturally appointed to the supreme command."

London, Dec. 21.—The gravity of the military situation is again becoming accentuated in the public mind, owing to the complete absence of news. Nothing has been heard from Lord Methuen since Sunday, and it is feared that his communications have been cut. If this be so his position is dangerous. A correspondent of the Daily News, telegraphing from Modder river last Saturday, says: "The Boer position, already formidable on December 11, has since been greatly strengthened, extending for an area of 12 miles. It is entrenched according to the most modern methods throughout its entire length; wire fences have been placed before all the trenches at every point; guns have been got into position, and there is every evidence that the Boers are well supplied with ammunition. Only a powerful attacking force can hope to make a successful assault."

The Times, in an article from the pen of an artillery expert, laments the dispersion of the British forces, quotes the maxim of Napoleon in favor of concentration, and regrets that Lord Methuen did not retire to Orange river a week ago.

The latest dispatches received seem to show that the British forces are standing on the defensive at all points. Gen. Buller is ordering the troops now arriving at Cape Town to proceed to Durban to reinforce the Natal column. Absence of news from him has led to a surmise that he is trying to join Gen. White by a flank movement.

The appeals for yeomanry and volunteers are being responded to with the greatest enthusiasm in all parts of the country. Lord Wolsey proposes that the force being raised by the lord mayor of London be called the "City of London Imperial Volunteers." The government expects the total of yeomanry and volunteers to reach 8,000. Baron Chesham will command, with Lord Lonsdale as adjutant general. The papers are now joining in free criticism of the government and the war office, as day by day fresh proofs of unpreparedness come to light. Special stress is laid upon the failure to provide proper transports which compels the columns to stick tight to railways, and upon the inferiority of the British artillery. The Australian colonies are responding eagerly to the imperial government's appeals for second contingents. It is reported that the queen will abandon her proposed visit to South Africa in consequence of the war.

London, Dec. 21.—Gen. Lord Kitchener is expected to arrive here from South Africa, will be met by Lord Roberts at the airport, and will probably remain on a war-

GEN. ROBERTS INTERVIEWED.

The New Commander With His Family, Arrived in London Wednesday From Dublin.

London, Dec. 21.—Gen. Lord Roberts, who is to have full command of the British troops in South Africa, accompanied by Lady Roberts and their two daughters, arrived in London Wednesday morning, having traveled from Dublin with Mr. Chamberlain. Their departure from Dublin was marked by cheering crowds, but the general made a quiet entry into London. After going to a private hotel he spent about an hour at the war office in consultation with the Marquis of Lansdowne, the secretary of state for war. Then Gen. Roberts returned to the task of packing his effects and interviewing the officers selected for his staff.

When "Little Bobs," the beloved of Tommy Atkins, received a representative of the press, he was dressed in the deepest black in vivid contrast with his snow white hair and moustache. His dapper little figure was as straight as ever, but the eyes that have so often scanned British victory were slightly dimmed by the great personal sorrow that has befallen him. But in spite of this and the multitude of details that claimed his attention, Gen. Roberts willingly assented to send, through a press representative, a parting message to the American people and gave the following statement:

"Circumstances naturally forbid my speaking about the campaign ahead of me, except to say that I have entire confidence in the British soldier and that I believe the traditions of our army will be upheld in South Africa."

"For the friendly interest and sympathy exhibited by many Americans I am most deeply grateful. I feel sure the justice of our cause merits this. Though we may be at war, I can safely say that no unnecessary harshness and no acts of inhumanity will mar the fair name of this branch of the Anglo-Saxon race. I can not too warmly express my admiration for the spirit which prevails in our colonies. The action of Canada will always be a glorious page in the history of the sons of the empire. I look for great things from the men she has sent and is sending to the front."

"The reports which indicate that disloyalty exists in the Irish regiments are absolutely untrue. In the hour of danger my countrymen have ever been among the first to lay down their lives for their queen and their country, and, whether it be against the Boers or men of any other nationality, the Irish soldier will be found loyal to his queen and brave in battle."

OFFICIAL CALL.

The Republican National Convention Will Meet in Philadelphia June 19, 1900.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Mark A. Hanna, chairman of the republican national committee, issued a call for the next republican national convention Wednesday night. The national republican committee directs that a national convention of delegates representatives of the republican party be held at the city of Philadelphia for the purpose of nominating candidates for president and vice president to be voted for at the presidential election, Tuesday, November 6, 1900, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before it and that said convention shall assemble at 12 o'clock noon on Tuesday, June 19, 1900.

Said national convention shall consist of a number of delegates at large from each state, equal to double the number of United States senators to which each state is entitled and for each representative at large; from each congressional district and the District of Columbia, two delegates; from each of the territories of Alaska, Arizona, Indian Territory, New Mexico and Oklahoma, two delegates. For each delegate elected to said convention an alternate delegate shall be elected to act in case of the absence of the delegate, said alternate delegate to be elected at the time and in the manner of electing the delegates.

All delegates shall be elected not less than 30 days before the meeting of the national convention.

Forefathers Day in Washington. Washington, Dec. 21.—Forefathers' day was celebrated by a reception, followed by a banquet Wednesday night at the First Congregational club. Addresses were made by Rev. Ross Fishburn, Hon. H. Clay Evans, ex-President Merrill, E. Gates, of Amherst college, Justice David J. Brewer, of the supreme court, and Henry L. West.

Will Ask for an Increase. Charleston, W. Va., Dec. 21.—An increase of 15 cents per ton on the present price for mining coal will be asked for next April by the miners of West Virginia. This action is the result of a two day's session in this city of District 17 of the United Mine Workers' of America which ended Wednesday.

Relief for British Soldiers' Families. Chicago, Dec. 21.—President Scull, of the British-American league of the Chicago board of trade, Wednesday called \$5,000 to the chairman of the soldiers' relief committee in London, the money to be used for the relief of British soldiers killed in the war.

The Eight Starts for Manila. San Francisco, Dec. 21.—The United States transport Grant cleared Wednesday for Manila.

LAWTON SHOT.

Shot Down by Sharpshooters in the Battle at San Mateo, Luzon.

Secretary of War and the President Express Profound Grief Over the Death of the Gallant General.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The war department Tuesday night received the following official confirmation of the killing of Gen. Lawton near San Mateo, Luzon:

Manila.—Gen. Lawton engaged in driving insurgents from San Mateo, section of country northeast of Manila, killed instantly at 9:30 yesterday morning. A great loss to us and his country. (Signed) Otis.

Secretary Root and the president each Tuesday night expressed his profound grief at the confirmation of the report of the death of the gallant general.

Gen. Lawton's death was a great shock to the officers of the war department, to nearly all of whom he was known personally. Hitherto his luck in battle had been marvelous. He had been in hundreds of skirmishes and midnight attacks. He was regarded as a man of action and of splendid courage, but was not considered reckless. He never exposed his men without due consideration of the risks and the stake.

Manila, Dec. 20.—Gen. Lawton left home Monday night, having returned from his northern operations Saturday to lead an expedition through Marquina valley, which has been an insurgent stronghold throughout the war.

San Mateo was attacked at 8 o'clock, and a three hours' fight ensued. This resulted in but a few casualties on the American side, apart from the death of Gen. Lawton, but the attack was difficult because of the natural defenses of the town.

New York, Dec. 21.—A dispatch gives the following account of the death of Gen. Lawton:

Manila, Dec. 21.—At 12 midnight Monday, Gen. Lawton left his wife,



GEN. HENRY W. LAWTON.

and, in a pouring rain, with a small guard, went to meet the troops in a night march to San Mateo. He remarked to his wife that when he got through here he would volunteer in the Transvaal, where the enemy would fight. His wife answered:

"No, honey, you will go home with me to California and raise oranges. You have done all you can for your country."

Lawton's body is now being brought in over the boggy trails across swollen rivers. Tuesday he marched all day in a driving rain, and met the enemy in force at San Mateo. Lieut. Breckinridge was shot. Lawton dismounted and helped to carry him on a litter. Bending over the litter he was assisting in dressing the wound of Breckinridge, when a bullet passed through his heart, killing him instantly. The feeling is so great at Lawton's headquarters that no one can talk. Mrs. Lawton seems not to understand yet that it is possible her husband is dead.

Almost at this moment the cheers of the American troops rushing into San Mateo were mingling with the rifle volleys. After the fight, six star-wart cavaliers forded the river to the town, carrying the litter on their shoulders, the staff preceding with the colors and a cavalry escort following.

Manila, Dec. 21.—Maj. Gen. Lawton's body was brought from San Mateo to Manila Wednesday afternoon, his staff and a squadron of cavalry acting as escort. It was found necessary to bridge the river.

The funeral will take place from his late residence here, a mansion formerly occupied by a Spanish general. The body has been temporarily placed in a vault in El Paco cemetery, where many of the American soldiers have been interred, and a guard of honor will be maintained. When Mrs. Lawton and her four children shall have completed their arrangements for returning to the United States the remains will be taken on a transport, with an escort of officers, for final interment, as is thought probable, in Arlington cemetery.

Car Shops Burned.

Dubuque, Ia., Dec. 21.—The car shop of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul road, the largest plant here, was completely destroyed by fire Wednesday night. The loss will be \$75,000 to \$100,000, and 300 men will be thrown out of employment.

The Eight Starts for Manila. San Francisco, Dec. 21.—The United States transport Grant cleared Wednesday for Manila.

Bodies Buried in Colon Cemetery, Havana, Will Be Removed With But Little Ceremony.

Havana, Dec. 18.—The United States battle ship Texas, Capt. Sigbee commanding, has arrived here, and Capt. Greene, commandant of the naval station, has conferred with Capt. Sigbee with regard to the removal from Colon cemetery of the bodies of the victims of the Maine disaster. The present intention is to remove the remains with as little ceremony as possible. The work of disinterment began Monday morning. Each coffin will be enclosed in a metal casket and be surrounded by a disinfecting compound. The caskets will be removed during the night to the naval wharf where they will be under guard until all is ready for removal to the battle ship which it is expected will take place Wednesday night or Thursday at daybreak. The Texas will then leave at once.

Father Chadwick will identify the coffins as they are taken from the ground, having a chart showing the exact location of each.

Havana, Dec. 19.—A gang of fourteen grave diggers, who were superintended by Chaplain Chadwick and Dr. Macour, began the exhumation in Colon cemetery Monday of the remains of the victims of the Maine. As the coffins were raised to the grave side the remains were immediately placed in tin lined coffins prepared with lime and charcoal bottoms, after which more lime and charcoal were used and then the coffins were carried a few yards away, where tinshirts nailed down and hermetically sealed the lids, the names being distinctly painted thereon.

Chaplain Chadwick, using his chart, kept a strict account in each instance. Forty coffins exhumed Monday were carried to the cemetery chapel. Two watchmen are on duty for the night.

Twenty-five soldiers and about as many other spectators were present.

TWO HEAVY FAILURES.

The Produce Exchange Trust Co. and Henry Allen & Co. Announce Their Suspension.

New York, Dec. 19.—The Produce Exchange Trust Co., of this city, closed its doors Monday. A notice upon the door says that the company has suspended payment pending an examination of its books.

The Produce Exchange Trust Co. was organized a couple of years ago with a capital of \$2,500,000, and had a reported surplus and undivided profits at this time of over \$2,500,000. Its business was chiefly with merchants, tradesmen and corporations in its immediate vicinity. It had been designated by the banking department of the state as a legal depository for state monies and municipal monies, as well as for the funds of savings banks and state banks.

The following statement of its condition was issued by the Produce Exchange Trust Co. Monday: Liabilities: Capital and surplus, \$5,000,000; individual deposits, \$2,928,000; trust fund, \$21,600; due to banks, \$3,700,000; total liabilities, \$11,649,600. Total assets, \$11,360,000.

New York, Dec. 19.—The suspension of the firm of Henry Allen & Co., bankers and brokers, has been announced on the stock exchange.

The firm is not yet prepared to make a statement, but the suspension is attributed to the failure of some of its customers to respond to calls for additional margins made necessary by recent declines. The house has been known as a trader on rather an extensive scale.

Will Rebuild the Theater.

St. Louis, Dec. 19.—Col. John P. Hopkins, of the Hopkins circuit, announced Monday that he will rebuild the St. Charles theater, which burned in New Orleans recently. The new playhouse, which will cost \$200,000 and seat 3,000 persons, will probably be erected at the corner of Commercial alley and St. Charles street adjoining the Academy of Music. Col. Hopkins says that work on the new theater will begin as soon as the site has been decided on.

Vacancies in the List of Brigadiers.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Brig. Gen. Edgar S. Kellogg, recently promoted from colonel of the 6th infantry, has been placed on the retired list. A similar course will be followed in the case of Brig. Gen. Gilbert S. Carpenter, recently promoted from colonel of the 15th infantry, and now in active command of the regiment in the Philippines. These retirements will cause two vacancies in the list of brigadier generals.

Honors for Adm. Schley and Men.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Senator Pettigrew, of South Dakota, Monday introduced a joint resolution tendering to Rr. Adm. Winfield Scott Schley and the officers and men under his command the thanks of congress "For highly distinguished conduct in conflict with the enemy, as displayed by him in the destruction of the Spanish fleet off the harbor of Santiago, January 8.

A New Publishing Company.

New York, Dec. 19.—Frank M. Doubleday is about to withdraw from the Doubleday & McClure publishing house to form with Walter H. Page, J. L. Thompson, Harry W. Lander and S. A. Everett a new publishing firm under the title of Doubleday, Page & Co.

Sol Smith Russell Breaks Down.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—Sol Smith Russell, obliged by illness to dismiss his employees from the Grand opera house

ROBERTS

Several Witnesses From Utah Testify Before Investigating Committee.

Mr. Schroeder, the Gentle Representative, Introduces an Editorial From New Era Relating to Biblical Status of Mormonism.

Washington, Dec. 20.—A number of witnesses from Utah appeared Tuesday before the committee of the house of representatives, which is investigating the case of Mr. Roberts, of Utah. They include Mrs. Dr. Lucella Miles, a practicing physician of Salt Lake City; Mrs. McDougall, Mr. E. L. McDaniel and S. E. Wishard, all of Salt Lake City. Mr. Roberts was present and conducted the cross-examination.

Mrs. Dr. Miles was the first witness. She gave her profession as that of a physician at Salt Lake City. She gave the details of a call she made at the house of Mrs. Dr. Maggie Shipp Roberts on April 12, 1897, relative to some medical society affairs. She addressed Mrs. Shipp Roberts as "Dr. Shipp," whereupon, the witness said, she was interrupted by the request: "Doctor, you can call me Dr. Roberts."

Mrs. Roberts went on to explain, the witness said, that she had been married to Mr. Roberts for several years. She asked that the medical society mail sent her in future be addressed as "Dr. Roberts" and not "Dr. Shipp."

After the witness had stepped aside, Mr. Roberts submitted an objection to the effect that this testimony related to 1897, whereas the committee had no jurisdiction over him prior to his becoming a member of congress.

"Then you contend," said Chairman Taylor, "that the testimony should be confined to polygamous practices subsequent to March 4, 1899?"

"I do," answered Mr. Roberts.

Rev. W. E. Wishard was the next witness. He knew both Mr. Roberts and Mrs. Dr. Roberts, and related his first meeting with the latter in September, 1897. He was in the car with Roberts and spoke to him. A lady sat beside him and he beckoned to her and then introduced her, saying: "Mrs. Roberts, Mr. Wishard."

Mrs. Maria McDougall testified that on July 22, 1898, when she was on the train and Mr. Roberts and Mrs. Dr. Roberts traveled on the same train.

"Once I heard Mr. Roberts introduce his companion as 'My wife,'" testified Mrs. McDougall, "and repeatedly as 'Mrs. Roberts.'"

Mr. Schroeder, the Gentle representative, who conducted the direct examination, submitted a copy of an editorial by Roberts in the New Era, relating to polygamy, and its Biblical status. Mr. Roberts presented a formal objection to the testimony on the general lines already stated. The committee then took a recess.

LIEUT. BRUMBY'S FUNERAL.

Thousands Viewed the Face of the Departed Hero Before the Services in the Cathedral.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Lieut. Thos. M. Brumby, flag lieutenant of Adm. Dewey during the Manila campaign, who has been ill with typhoid fever for several weeks, died at Garfield hospital shortly after 6 o'clock Sunday evening.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 21.—The body of Flag Lieut. T. M. Brumby arrived from Washington at 5:10 Wednesday morning. The remains were taken in charge immediately by the pallbearers, and under the charge of a special military guard were escorted to the state capitol. The face of the dead lieutenant was uncovered at 10 o'clock and between that hour and 12 was viewed by thousands of people.

The funeral was from the cathedral Wednesday afternoon, and was conducted with military honors. Maj. Gen. Wesley Merritt, of department of the east, wired the commander of Ft. McPherson Tuesday to order out post to march as a special escort to the last resting place of the gallant Brumby, and Co. B, 7th infantry marched in the procession and fired the salute over the grave. There was also seven companies of the 5th regiment, one company of the governor's horse guard and one company of artillery and a large number of Confederate veterans in line. Accompanying the remains from Washington were United States Senator A. O. Bacon, Lieut. Caldwell and members of the family of the dead Brumby.

The Atlanta Afternoon Journal has started a fund for the purpose of erecting a monument to the memory of Lieut. Thomas M. Brumby. The fund is to be subscribed to by Georgians principally, and the monument will be erected in Atlanta.

American Federation of Labor.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 21.—The American Federation of Labor Wednesday unanimously re-elected all its old officers. The only contests occurred in selection of fraternal delegates to the foreign trades congresses. Louisville, Ky., was selected as place of next convention.

California's Golden Jubilee.

San Jose, Cal., Dec. 21.—The celebration of the golden jubilee of the founding of California's government began here Wednesday. The chief feature of Wednesday's proceedings was the reproduction of the inauguration of Peter H. Burnett, the first governor of the state.

White Star Steamer Overdue.

Queensdown, Dec. 21.—Considerable anxiety is felt regarding the White Star steamer Oceanic, Capt. Cameron, which left New York on December 13. She is 30 hours overdue.

is all wrong. When it is full as summer, if people will of themselves. If you want to go through the winter without a cold, observe these few simple rules:

"Don't overheat your house, and don't stop all ventilation. Sleep in a cool room, but keep warmly covered. Always take off your outdoor wraps when you come in the house, and always put them on when you go out. And, lastly, just as long as there is snow on the ground, don't go out without your rubbers. This last rule is the most important of all, for two colds out of three come from wet feet."—The Independent.

PORTER RUNS A RAILROAD.

All the Officials Were Abroad and He Was the Only One to Do It.

Senator Depew does not tell how the following came to be reported to him, but it is such a good story that he uses it continually in dismissing dignified bores or influential beggars from his office. The senator was on his summer vacation when a pompous little man called to see him and encountered the colored porter who guards the outer gates of the Depew sanctum.

"I want to see Chauncey Depew," said the little man.

"You can't, sah. He's gone to Europe, sah."

"Well, then, I'll see his secretary."

"Sorry, sah, but Mistah Duval, he's done gone to Europe."

"Then I'll see Cornelius Vanderbilt."

"He's in Newport, sah."

"Well, is W. K. Vanderbilt in?"

"No, sah. He's done gone to Newport, too."

"That so?" Then I'll see the vice president of the road."

"He's in Albany, sah."

"How about the second vice president?"

"He's down to Long Branch, sah."

"Is the superintendent in?"

"He's out inspectionin' de road, sah."

"How about General Passenger Agent Daniels?"

"He went away to Cape May dis mawnin'."

"Who in thunder is running this road, anyway?" shouted the little man, getting very red in the face.

"Well, I'll tell you, boss," replied the ebullient attendant, "dis yere road jes runs hit self, sah, an' dere hain' nobody needed round to look after things but me."—Saturday Evening Post.

The Ruling Passion with Him.

"Elvira is upstairs getting ready," said the little brother to the stout caller. "I'll go and tell her to hurry up."

"Thank you," said the stout caller. "Tell her to hurry up or to hurry down, just as you think best. Anything to reduce my wait."—Somerville Journal.

Selfishness is the only thing that stands between some people and happiness.—Chicago Daily News.

Gratitude, like everything else, is obnoxious when it is overdone.—Aitchison Globe.

The daughters of a millionaire always have fine figures.—Chicago Daily News.



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